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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP 1639

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Confirmation No: 2981 In re Application of Huse and Freedman FEB 2 4 2004 Group Art Unit: 1639 Examiner: M. Baker Serial No.: 09/839,469 CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY "EXPRESS MAIL" Filed: April 20, 2001 "EXPRESS MAIL" MAILING LABEL NUMBER: EV 400553040 US DATE OF DEPOSIT: February 12, 2004 I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PAPER OR FEE IS BEING For: METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE OPTIMAL BINDING LIGANDS TO A "EXPRESS MAIL POST OFFICE TO ADDRESSEE" SERVICE 37 C.F.R. 1.10 ON THE DATE INDICATED ABOVE, AND IS **RECEPTOR** ADDRESSED TO: MAIL STOP AF, COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450. Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 (TYPED OR PRINTED NAME OR PERSON MAILING PAPER OR FEE) Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 (SIGNATURE OF PERSON MAILING PAPER OR FEE)

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 12, 2003, entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

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Remarks begin on page 5.

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